(SRI K. HANUMANTHAIYA).

fresh taxation. The few weeks that the Ministry has been in office is too short a period to formulate fresh proposals for taxation on equitable lines. I hope that it may not after all be necessary to have recourse to fresh taxation. If it is ultimately found inevitable in the interests of the State, I will have no hesitation to place proposals for fresh taxation for your consideration. In the meanwhile, let all of us derive satisfaction that we did not begin our work imposing additional burdens on the people.

Mr. SPEAKER :—Consideration of Bills is the next item. I call upon Sri T. Chenniah to move his motion.

(Sri M. Shankar Linge Gowda remarked that it was usual for the Parliament in England to adjourn for the day after the presentation of the Budget.

Janab J. MOHAMED IMAM (Jagalur) —It is a sound practice, Sir.

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA (Leader of the House).—We can re-assemble after lunch, Sir.

Mr. SPEAKER.— As the House desires it, we shall re-assemble after lunch at 3-30 P.M.

The House adjourned for lunch at Fifteen Minutes past two of the Clock and re-assembled at Thirty Minutes past Three of the Clock. Mr. Speaker in the Chair.

Mysore Kolar Gold Fields Municipal Bill, 1952.

Motion to consider.

Sri T. CHANNIAH (Minister for Public Health and Local Self-Government).—Sir, I beg to move:

"That the Mysore Kolar Gold Fields Municipal Bill, 1952, be taken into consideration".

The Municipal affairs of the Kolar Gold Fields are at present under the management of a Board called the Sanitary Board, first constituted under the provisions of the Mysore Mines Regulation of 1897. The latest bye-laws relating to the Sanitary Board have been framed under the Mysore Mines Act of 1906. The jurisdiction of the Sanitary Board extends over the Mining areas and over the surrounding non-mining areas in the Kolar Gold Fields. From time to time there have been repeated requests for establishing a fully constituted and more or less autonomous body like the Town or City Municipality, and in 1948 a promise was made by the Government in the Representative Assembly to set up a Committee to examine this question. Such a Committee was constituted in early 1949 and it went into this question in great detail. The Committee did not consider it necessary to convert the Sanitary Board into a City Municipality, but recommended that a single administrative self-governing unit should be continued. It also recommended that the Sanitary Board consisting of a large number of nominated members should be reconstituted so as to make provision for an elected majority with proper safeguards to represent various interests by means of nominations. The Government carefully examined the recommendations of the Committee and also took note of the several representations received to introduce legislation on the lines of the City Municipalities Act in force in the State. The Government also realised that in its application to the Kolar Gold Fields areas, the City Municipalities Act required some important modifications to meet the special circumstances and the several interests involved.

As Members know, the area which will be covered by the present Bill includes the Mining Board. Within this area, there are a large number of labourers who are residing. Secondly, the sanitation and public health within this area are at present being looked after by the Mining Board who are spending a large amount of money for

these purposes. Though the Sanitary Board has nominal jurisdiction over this area, the maintenance of Hospitals, Education, maintenance of certain roads and drainage are all being attended to by the Mining Board. The Government therefore thought that the Mining Board should be given some special representation on the Municipal Council to be set up in the area. Further, they considered it desirable to have an official as the President of the Municipal Council. In the present Bill before the House, provision has therefore been made for a Municipal Council consisting of 30 members of whom 20 will be elected from 20 territorial divisions on the principle of adult franchise. The remaining 10 will be nominated by the Government of whom not more than half will be Government servants. Provision is also made in the Bill for reservation of seats for members of the Scheduled Castes in proportion to the population. Provision has been made for a non-official Vice-President to be elected by the Councillors from among the elected members of the Council. The other provisions of the Bill closely follow the City Municipalities Act. This Bill was introduced in the Legislative Assembly in 1951 and was referred to a Select Committee. This Select Committee presented an interim report during the March Session of the Assembly this year. The report discloses that the members of the Select Committee heard representatives of the Mining Board and the Sanitary Board who both expressed the opinion that the provisions of this Bill should not be made applicable to the Mining Board. The Select Committee finally came to the conclusion that there were many controversial matters requiring to be settled before the bill could be finalised and there were certain financial implications involved in considering the representations of the Sanitary Board and the Mining Board and as the members of the Select Committee felt that more time was necessary which was not available to them, they did not present a final report. With the dissolution of the Legislative Assembly the Bill lapsed and it is now brought up for the consideration of this House.

There is no doubt that before the Bill can be finalised, several important questions require to be determined. Within the mining areas which is proposed to be included in the Bill, reside a very large number of labourers. The Mining Board is also spending considerable sums of money for the Municipal administration of this area. The labourers who are proposed to be given the right to vote are usually not tax-payers. In respect of the areas out-side the Mining Areas which will also be included within the Bill, there are a certain number of tax-payers who would not be obviously as large in number as the labourers who reside in the Mining Area. We have therefore to consider how best to reconcile these diverse interests affected so that the Bill when it becomes law is not only acceptable but will serve the best interests of all the persons concerned. The Government therefore intend to refer this Bill to a Select Committee for which a necessary motion will be moved at the proper time.

For the present, it may be sufficient if I stated that, apart from the several features I have referred to already, the Bill follows in the main the provisions of the City Municipalities Act which has been working so satisfactorily in the State from the year 1933.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Motion moved :—

"That the Mysore Kolar Gold Fields Municipal Bill, 1952, be taken into consideration."

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಹುಚ್ಚೇಗೌಡರು (ತುರುವೇಕೆರೆ).—ಸ್ವಾಮಿ, ಈ ವಸೂದಾ ಕಾನೂನಿಗೆ ಕೆಲವು ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿಗಳನ್ನು ಕಳುಹಿಸಿದ್ದೆ.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The next motion is to refer this Bill to a Select Committee. This is not the stage at which amendments could be tabled to the Bill.

Sri B. HUTCHE GOWDA (Turuvekere).—So can the amendments be tabled only when the Select Committee report is presented to the House ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—Yes.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಹುಚ್ಚೇಗೌಡರು.—ಸ್ವಾಮಿ, ಅನೇಕ ವರ್ಷಗಳಿಂದ ಈ ಸಭೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅನೇಕ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸದಸ್ಯರು ಕೇಳಿಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತಾ ಬಂದ ಮೇಲೆ ಈ ಬಿಲ್ಲು ಬಂದಿದೆ ಯೆಂದು ನಾನು ಭಾವಿಸುತ್ತೇನೆ. ನಮ್ಮ ಸಂಸ್ಥಾನ ದಲ್ಲಿರತಕ್ಕ ಸಿಟಿ ಕಾರ್ಪೊರೇಷನ್ ಆಗಲಿ ಅಥವಾ ಸಿಟಿ ಮುನಿಸಿಪಾಲಿಟಿಯಾಗಲಿ ಅಥವಾ ಟೌನ್ ಮುನಿಸಿಪಾ ಲಿಟಿಯಾಗಲಿ ಇರುವಂತೆ ರಾಜ್ಯಾಂಗದ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಇದು ಇದೆಯೆ ಎಂಬ ಸಂಶಯ ಬಂದಿದೆ. ಈ ಬಿಲ್ಲಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಒಂದೆ ರಡು ಮೂಲ ಭೂತತತ್ವಗಳಿಗೆ ಲೋಪ ಬಂದಿದೆ. ನಾಮ ಕರಣ ಸದಸ್ಯರು ನುಮಾರು ಮೂರನೆಯ ಒಂದು ಭಾಗದಷ್ಟಿರಬೇಕೆಂದು ಈ ಬಿಲ್ಲಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಕಾಣಿಸಿದೆ. ನಮ್ಮ ದೇಶದ ಮುಖ್ಯ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಸ್ಥಳವಾದ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರಿನಲ್ಲಿ ರುವ ಕಾರ್ಪೊರೇಷನ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ನಾಮಕರಣ ಸದಸ್ಯರಿಲ್ಲ. ಸಿಟಿ ಮುನಿಸಿಪಾಲಿಟಿ ಅಥವಾ ಟೌನ್ ಮುನಿಸಿಪಾಲಿಟಿ ಯಲ್ಲಿ ನಾಮಕರಣ ಸದಸ್ಯರಿಲ್ಲ. ಅಂಥಾದ್ದರಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ಬಿಲ್ಲಿನಲ್ಲಿ ನಾಮಕರಣ ಸದಸ್ಯರಿಗೆ ಅವಕಾಶಮಾಡಿರು ವುದು ಯಾವ ವಿಧದಲ್ಲೂ ಕೂಡ ಸರಿಯಾಗಿ ಕಾಣುವು ದಿಲ್ಲ. ಅಲ್ಲದೆ ಒಂದು ವೇಳೆ ಈಗ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸಚಿವರು ಹೇಳಿದ ಹಾಗೆ ಅಷ್ಟೂ ಅಗತ್ಯವಾಗಿದ್ದರೆ ಅವರ ಪೈಕಿ ಕೆಲವರು ಚುನಾಯಿತರಾಗಿ ಬರಲು ಒಂದು ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರವನ್ನು ಬೇರೆ ಮಾಡಿ ಅಲ್ಪ ಸ್ವಲ್ಪ ಅವರಿಗೆ ಪ್ರಾನಿತಿಧ್ಯ ಕೊಡುವಂತೆ ಮಾಡಬಹುದಾಗಿತ್ತು, ಎಂಬುದು ನನ್ನ ಭಾವನೆ.

ಅಲ್ಲದೆ ಈ ಮುನಿಸಿಪಾಲಿಟಿಗೆ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗ ಳನ್ನು ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರನ್ನಾಗಿ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಇದು ಎಲ್ಲ ಕ್ಕಿಂತಲೂ ಬಹಳ ಹಿಂದಕ್ಕೆ ಹೋಗುವ ದಾರಿ ಯೆಂದು ತೋರುತ್ತದೆ. ಇದೂ ಕೂಡ ಸ್ವಲ್ಪವೂ ಕಮಂಜನವಾಗಿಲ್ಲ. ಆದ್ದರಿಂದ ಸೆಲೆಕ್ಟ್ ಕಮಿಟಿಯ ವರ ಪರಿಶೀಲನೆಗೆ ಈ ಬಿಲ್ಲು ಹೋದಾಗ ಈ ಮುಖ್ಯ ವಾಡ ಮತ್ತು ಮೂಲ ಭೂತವಾದ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಯನ್ನು ಕೂಲಂಕಷವಾಗಿ ವಿಮರ್ಶೆಮಾಡಿ ಆವರು ವರದಿಯನ್ನು ಸಿಪ್ಪಿಸುತ್ತಾರೆಂದು ಭಾವಿಸಿ ನನ್ನ ಭಾಷಣವನ್ನು ಮುಗಿ ಸುತ್ತೇನೆ.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The question is.—

"That the Mysore Kolar Gold Fields Municipal Bill, 1952, be taken into consideration."

The motion was adopted.

Motion to refer.

Sri T. CHANNIAH.—I move.—

"That the Mysore Kolar Gold Fields Municipal Bill, 1952, be referred to a Select Committee consisting of :—

Sri K. S. Vasan,
Sri K. Pattabhiraman
Sri H. C. Linga Reddy
Sri R. Anantharaman, and
Sri A. Bheemappa Naik.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Motion moved.—

"That the Mysore Kolar Gold Fields Municipal Bill, 1952, be referred to a Select Committee consisting of :—

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Sri K. Pattabhiraman
Sri H. C. Linga Reddy
Sri R. Anantharaman
Sri A. Bheemappa Naik.

Sri Mulka GOVINDA REDDY (Chitaldrug).—Sir, I propose that the names of Sri P. M. Swamidorai and Sri S. Srinivasiengar also be added to the list.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I have no objection if the Hon'ble mover agrees to the inclusion of the names.

Sri T. CHANNIAH.—I have no objection to include the names.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The question is :—

"That the Mysore Kolar Gold Fields Municipal Bill, 1952, be referred to a Select Committee consisting of :—

Sri K. S. Vasan
Sri K. Pattabhiraman
Sri H. C. Linga Reddy
Sri R. Anantharaman
Sri A. Bheemappa Naik
Sri P. M. Swamidorai and
Sri S. Srinivasiengar.

The motion was adopted.

Mr. SPEAKER—As per rules 56 and 57, the mover *i.e.*, the Minister concerned and the Law Minister will be also members of the Committee. I appoint the Minister for Law as the Chairman of the Committee.

Mysore Maternity Benefit (Amendment) Bill, 1952.

Motion to consider.

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO (Minister for Law and Education).—Sir, I move :—

"That the Mysore Maternity Benefit (Amendment) Bill, 1952, be taken into consideration."

While making this motion, I request